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PATENT

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Applicant(s): Dominique Billieres, et al.

Title: CERAMIC ARTICLE HAVING CORROSION-RESISTANT LAYER,
SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING APPARATUS INCORPORATING
SAME, AND METHOD FOR FORMING SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, reconsideration of the rejections contained therein is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 41-43 were rejected under §102(e). This rejection is respectfully traversed from the following reasons.

As described in Applicants' prior response, the claimed invention is drawn to a ceramic article comprising a substrate and a corrosion-resistant coating thereon. This substrate consists essentially of alumina, and the coating comprises at least 80 wt.% of a rare earth oxide, directly contacts the substrate such that the structure is free of intervening layers, and has an adhesion strength not less than 20 MPa.

The PTO's continued reliance upon Yamada et al. is deficient. Foremost, it is not entirely clear why the PTO continues to emphasize the claimed transitional phrase of "consisting

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